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## Slide closes Dworshak's Canyon Creek recreation access road

**Orofino, Idaho** – Agency officials closed the access road indefinitely to the Canyon Creek recreation area here this afternoon, according to the Army Corps of Engineers park manager at Dworshak Dam and Reservoir.

“We’ve had continuing problems with rock and mud slides in that area over the past couple years,” said Paul Pence, Dworshak park manager. “We invested a lot of effort about a year ago to try to stabilize that general area.”

Today’s slide covered most of the two-lane road to varying depths from ankle deep to knee deep along a 100-foot section of the roadway. Several lesser slides have threatened this roadway since last fall. Managers have been cautious about beginning new work until active slide conditions end and the soil stabilizes.

“This made things unsafe for vehicle traffic. Right now we’ve got an active slide area as the soil thaws and loosens. We want to be sure that things have settled down before we start spending taxpayers’ dollars on fixes that won’t hold this early in the season,” Pence said.

For more information, call Dworshak recreation staffers at (208) 476-1261.

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